

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1 through 7, 9, 14, and 17 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 8, 10, 12, 13, and 15 to read, as follows.

Claims 1 through 7. **(Canceled)**

8. **(Currently Amended)** An image forming apparatus comprising:

a movable image bearing member on which an electrostatic image is to be formed;

a first developer carrying member, which forms a first developing area in cooperation with said image bearing member, member for carrying a developer; developer to develop a latent image formed on an image bearing member;

a first regulating member, disposed on an [[one]] end of a longitudinal direction of said first developer carrying image bearing member, for regulating a gap between said image bearing member and said first developer carrying member with said first regulating member abutting against said image bearing member;

a second developer carrying member, which forms a second developing area downstream of the first developing area in a movement direction of a surface of said image bearing member, member for carrying a developer; developer to develop the same latent image formed on said image bearing member; and

a second regulating member, disposed on an ~~said one~~ end of a [[said]] longitudinal direction of said second developer carrying member on a side on which said first regulating member is disposed, image bearing member, for regulating a gap between said image

bearing member and said second developer carrying member with said second regulating member abutting against said image bearing member,

wherein said second regulating member abuts against an area of said image bearing member different from an abutment area of said first regulating member in a width direction orthogonal to the movement direction of the surface of said image bearing member. ~~said first regulating member and said second regulating member are disposed without overlapping each other in said longitudinal direction.~~

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising a developer container, which contains a developer, and which has said first developer carrying member disposed in an opening portion opposite to said image bearing member.
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wherein ~~the developer on~~ said second developer carrying member is disposed in said opening portion with ~~has a layer thickness regulated in a gap between said first developer carrying member and said second developer carrying member, and carries the developer a layer thickness of which is restricted by the gap.~~ member.

11. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 10, wherein a rotation direction of said first developer carrying member is the same as a rotation direction of said second developer carrying member.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein in the first developing area, a movement direction of a surface ~~surfaces~~ of said first developer carrying member ~~and said second developer carrying member~~ is the same as the ~~the~~ [[a]] movement direction of the ~~the~~ [[a]] surface of said image bearing member, and in the second developing area, a movement direction of a surface of said second developer carrying member is the same as the movement direction of the surface of said image bearing member. ~~member in a developing portion.~~

13. **(Currently Amended)** The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein in the first developing area, a peripheral speed of said first developer carrying member ~~and said second developer carrying member~~ is higher than a peripheral speed of said image bearing member, and

wherein in the second developing area, a peripheral speed of said second developer carrying member is higher than the peripheral speed of said image bearing member.
~~member in said developing portion.~~

14. **(Canceled)**

15. **(Currently Amended)** A developing device comprising:
a developer container, which contains a developer for developing an electrostatic image on an image bearing member, and which has an opening portion opposite to said image bearing member,

a first developer carrying member, which is disposed in said opening portion, and which forms a first developing area in cooperation with said image bearing member, rotatably supported by a main body of said developing device, for carrying the [[a]] developer; developer to develop a latent image formed on an image bearing member;

a first regulating member, disposed on both ends one end of a longitudinal direction of said first developer carrying image bearing member, for regulating a gap between said image bearing member and said first developer carrying member with said first regulating member abutting against said image bearing member;

a second developer carrying member, which is disposed in said opening portion with a gap between said first developer carrying member and said second developer carrying member, which forms a second developing area in cooperation with said image bearing member, member for carrying a developer to develop again in the second developing area the electrostatic same latent image developed in the first developing area, said second developer carrying member carrying the developer a layer thickness of which is restricted by the gap between said first developer carrying member and said second developer carrying formed on said image bearing member;

a second regulating member, disposed on both ends said one end of a [[said]] longitudinal direction of said second developer carrying image bearing member, for regulating a gap between said image bearing member and said second developer carrying member with said second regulating member abutting against said image bearing member;
and

a rocking member rockable about a rotating center of said first developer carrying member as a rocking center, for pivotally moving said second developer carrying member

~~about a portion near an end of said first developer carrying member, said rocking member~~
~~pivotaly~~ supporting said second developer carrying member.

16. **(Original)** The device according to claim 15, further comprising pressing means for pressing said rocking member toward said image bearing member.

17. **(Canceled)**